

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A multifunction apparatus having at least a copying function, the multifunction apparatus being connected to a discrete server via a network, the discrete server storing information regarding ~~a menu, the menu~~ menus of a plurality of multifunction apparatuses corresponding to a plurality of user IDs, each of the menus being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus comprising:

a display configured to display ~~the menu~~ a menu, the menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus;

a panel ~~that has a key, the key being configured to be utilized for inputting~~ configured to input user ID; and

a controller that, when the user ID is input via the panel, ~~is configured~~ being configured to communicate with the discrete server, to receive the information regarding the menu corresponding to the input user ID from the information regarding the menus of the plurality of multifunction apparatuses stored in the discrete server, ~~and to display on the display and to display, on the display,~~ the menu corresponding to the user input user ID based on the information regarding the menu received from the discrete server, wherein another menu can be displayed on the display based on input of another user ID.

15-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A server connected to a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network, the server being discrete from each of the multifunction apparatuses, the server comprising;

a memory configured to store information regarding menus of a plurality of the multifunction apparatuses;

a communicator configured to communicate with the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses via the network; and

a controller configured to receive, from one of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, a signal [[for]] requesting the information regarding a menu together with a user ID, to search the memory for the information regarding the menu corresponding to the user ID, from the information regarding the menus of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, and to transmit, to the one of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, the information regarding the menu corresponding to the user ID.

25-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A multifunction apparatus having at least a scanning function and not having a facsimile transmission function, the multifunction apparatus connected with a server via a network, the server storing information regarding a menu, the menu being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan a document;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus; and

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive the information regarding the menu from the server, and to display a menu on the panel based on the information regarding the menu received from the server,

the controller being further configured to send, to the server, based on the information regarding the menu, scanned image data together with predetermined information indicating another multifunction apparatus having a facsimile transmission function and being capable of transmitting the image data to a recipient, when a predetermined menu indicating a facsimile transmission function is displayed on the panel of the multifunction apparatus, the information regarding the menu including the predetermined menu indicating the facsimile transmission function, and when a facsimile transmission is selected on the predetermined menu,

whereby the server transmits, to the another multifunction apparatus, the image data scanned by the multifunction apparatus, based on the predetermined information, the server being distinct from the multifunction apparatus and from the another multifunction apparatus.

29. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the controller utilizes a scanning function to scan a document, when the facsimile transmission is selected on the menu.

30-35. (Canceled)

36. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for the multifunction apparatus and also for another multifunction apparatus.

37. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.

38. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.

39. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 38, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.

40. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, the menu item name indicating a job that the multifunction apparatus performs.

41. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, a job-ID and a job parameter.

42. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the multifunction apparatus additionally has at least one of a scanning, a printing, and a facsimile transmission function, and the job ID includes at least one of copying, printing, scanning and fax transmission.

43. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type and paper size for copying.

44. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size and resolution for printing.

45. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for scanning.

46. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for facsimile transmission.

47. (New) The server according to claim 24, wherein the information regarding the menu contains information regarding a maximum number of characters that can be displayed on the display of the multifunction apparatus.

48. (New) The server according to claim 24, wherein the information regarding the menu contains information regarding capabilities of the multifunction apparatus.

49. (New) A system including a server and a multifunction apparatus, the server being discrete from the multifunction apparatus, the server being connectable to the multifunction apparatus via a network, the system comprising:

the server comprising:

a memory configured to store information regarding menus of a plurality of multifunction apparatuses;

a controller configured to receive, from one of the plurality of multifunction apparatuses, a signal requesting the information regarding a menu together with a user ID, to search the memory for the information regarding the menu corresponding to the user ID, of the information regarding the menus of the plurality of multifunction apparatuses, and to transmit, to the one of the plurality of multifunction apparatuses, the information regarding the menu corresponding to the user ID,

the multifunction apparatus comprising:

a display configured to display the menu, the menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus;

a panel configured to input user ID; and

a controller that, when the user ID is input via the panel, is configured to communicate with the discrete server, to receive the information regarding the menu corresponding to the input

user ID, from the information regarding the menus of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses stored in the discrete server, and to display on the display, the menu corresponding to the user ID, based on the information regarding the menu received from the discrete server, wherein another menu can be displayed on the multifunction apparatus based on input of another user ID.

50. (New) A method for controlling a multifunction apparatus having at least a copying function, the multifunction apparatus being connectable to a discrete server via a network, the server storing information regarding menus of a plurality of multifunction apparatuses, the multifunction apparatus having a display that displays a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus, the method comprising;

inputting a user ID via a panel of the multifunction apparatus;

receiving the information regarding a menu corresponding to the input user ID, from the information regarding the menus of the plurality of the multifunction apparatuses stored in the discrete server; and

displaying, on the display, the menu corresponding to the input user ID, based on the information regarding the menu received from the discrete server, wherein another menu can be displayed on the multifunction apparatus based on input of another user ID.

51. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for the multifunction apparatus and also for another multifunction apparatus.

52. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.

53. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.

54. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.